State Tracking Number: Filing Company: Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield

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## Filing at a Glance

Company: Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield

SERFF Tr Num: ARBB-127977038 State: Arkansas **Product Name: Special Amendment** TOI: H16G Group Health - Major Medical SERFF Status: Closed-Approved-State Tr Num:

Closed

Sub-TOI: H16G.001A Any Size Group - PPO

Filing Type: Form

Co Tr Num: 23-2622 10/11 State Status: Approved-Closed Reviewer(s): Rosalind Minor

Authors: Christi Kittler, Yvonne McNaughton, Frank Sewall, Rita

Thatcher, Evelyn Laney

Date Submitted: 01/11/2012 Disposition Status: Approved-

Closed

Disposition Date: 01/11/2012

Implementation Date Requested: On Approval Implementation Date:

State Filing Description:

### **General Information**

Project Name: Amendment Status of Filing in Domicile: Project Number: 23-2622 10/11 Date Approved in Domicile:

Requested Filing Mode: Review & Approval Domicile Status Comments: Arkansas is state

of domicile.

Deemer Date:

Submitted By: Evelyn Laney

Explanation for Combination/Other: Market Type: Group

Submission Type: New Submission Group Market Size: Small and Large

Group Market Type: Employer Overall Rate Impact:

Filing Status Changed: 01/11/2012

State Status Changed: 01/11/2012

Corresponding Filing Tracking Number:

PPACA: Not PPACA-Related

Created By: Evelyn Laney

PPACA Notes: null Filing Description:

Attached please find form 23-2622 10/11 for your review and approval if indicated.

This dental amendment describes employee eligibility. It also includes the effective dates for spouses and employees transferring from other cooperatives. It further includes a rehire policy for employee's who have been laid off for no more than six (6) months.

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Also enclosed is a Flesch Reading Ease score certification signed by an officer of the company as required by Arkansas Code Annotated §23-80-206(d). Please also note, we have scored the rider as part of the benefit certificates with which it will be used as provided by Arkansas Code Annotated §23-80-206(e).

By way of this letter, I certify that the submission meets the provisions of Arkansas Insurance Department Rule & Regulation 19.

I certify that the Life and Health Guaranty Association Notices required by Arkansas Insurance Department Rule & Regulation 49 are incorporated in the benefit certificates to which this rider will be attached.

I further certify that the consumer information notice required by Arkansas Code Annotated §23-79-138 is incorporated in the benefit certificates to which this rider is attached.

# **Company and Contact**

#### **Filing Contact Information**

Evelyn Laney, Senior Compliance Analyst exlaney@arkbluecross.com
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Little Rock, AR 72201 501-378-2975 [FAX]

#### **Filing Company Information**

Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield CoCode: 83470 State of Domicile: Arkansas

601 S. Gaines Street Group Code: Company Type:

Little Rock, AR 72201 Group Name: State ID Number: N/A

(501) 378-2967 ext. [Phone] FEIN Number: 71-0226428

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# **Filing Fees**

Fee Required? Yes
Fee Amount: \$50.00
Retaliatory? No
Fee Explanation: \$50.00
Per Company: No

COMPANY AMOUNT DATE PROCESSED TRANSACTION #

Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield \$50.00 01/11/2012 55207778

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# **Correspondence Summary**

### **Dispositions**

| Status              | Created By     | Created On | Date Submitted |
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| Approved-<br>Closed | Rosalind Minor | 01/11/2012 | 01/11/2012     |

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## **Disposition**

Disposition Date: 01/11/2012

Implementation Date:
Status: Approved-Closed
HHS Status: HHS Approved

State Review: Reviewed-No Actuary

Comment:

Rate data does NOT apply to filing.

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| Schedule            | Schedule Item                    | Schedule Item Status | Public Access |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Supporting Document | Flesch Certification             | Approved-Closed      | Yes           |
| Supporting Document | Application                      | Approved-Closed      | Yes           |
| Supporting Document | PPACA Uniform Compliance Summary | Approved-Closed      | Yes           |
| Form                | Amendment                        | Approved-Closed      | Yes           |

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#### Form Schedule

Lead Form Number: 23-2622 10/11

| Schedule   | Form    | Form Type Form Name   | Action  | Action Specific | Readability | Attachment     |
|------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|
| Item       | Number  |                       |         | Data            |             |                |
| Status     |         |                       |         |                 |             |                |
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# AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD DENTAL GROUP BENEFIT CERTIFICATES

#### **AMENDMENT NO. 2622**

**ELIGIBILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF COVERAGE**, Provision A.1. a. is hereby amended to read as follows:

- A. Personal Insurance
  - Employee Eligibility Date
    - a. Employees who work on a full-time basis for the employer are eligible for insurance after completion of the required Waiting Period, provided they are in a class of employees who are included in the Plan by the Employer. Employees shall be considered to work on a full-time basis if they regularly and routinely work the minimum number of hours per year specified by the Employer.

**ELIGIBILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF COVERAGE,** Provision B.1.b. is hereby amended to read as follows.

b. Spouse. When an Employee marries and wishes to have the Employee's Spouse covered, the Employee shall submit an application or change form within 30 days of the date of marriage. The effective date will be date of marriage and the Spouse will not be a Late Enrollee. If an Employee submits the application or change form after the 30-day period, coverage for the Spouse will become effective the first day of the Policy Month following the date the employee's application is accepted by the Company.

**ELIGIBILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF COVERAGE,** Provision B. is hereby amended to add the following provision:

Effective Date for Employees Transferring from Another Cooperative. If the Company receives the transferring Employee's enrollment application within thirty (30) days of the date the Employee is first eligible for coverage, the Employee's coverage will become effective 12:01 a.m. on date the Employee was hired. If the transferring Employee submits the application or change form after the 30-day period, coverage for the Employee will become effective the first day of the Policy Month following the date the employee's application is accepted by the Company.

Effective Date for Employees Rehired by Employer. Subject to all other terms, conditions, exclusions and limitation in the Plan as set forth in this Benefit Certificate, an Employee who is rehired, after being laid off for no more than six (6) months, will be exempt from satisfying the Waiting Period and will be effective in the employee health benefit plan on his or her rehire date. However, they must apply for coverage within thirty (30) days from the date of rehire. If the Employee did not satisfy the entire Waiting Period prior to being laid off, time credit at a prior allied cooperative within the last twelve (12) months will be applied to the Waiting Period. The Employee will be required to

satisfy any remaining Waiting Period upon rehire prior to the coverage effective date. If the Employee is laid off for more than six (6) months, the entire Waiting Period will apply.

**ELIGIBILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF COVERAGE**, is hereby amended to add the following new provisions.

Alternate Eligibility for Coverage. The following additional Covered Persons meet the requirements for coverage as set out in the Plan provided the premium is timely paid.

- (1) Directors and their Eligible Dependents;
- (2) Attorneys and their Eligible Dependents;
- (3) Disabled Employees until their retirement and their Eligible Dependents;
- (4) Retirees and their Eligible Dependents; and
- (5) Widows and their Eligible Dependents.

This Amendment becomes a part of the Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield DentalBlue Group Benefit Certificates. All other provisions of the Group Benefit Certificate remain in full force and effect.

P. Mark White, President and Chief Executive Officer

P. Mark White

ARKANSAS BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD 601 S. Gaines Street Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

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## **Supporting Document Schedules**

Item Status: Status

Date:

Satisfied - Item: Flesch Certification Approved-Closed 01/11/2012

Comments:

Please see attached.

Attachment:

Flesch Certification Form 23-2622 10-11.pdf

Item Status: Status

Date:

Bypassed - Item: Application Approved-Closed 01/11/2012

Bypass Reason: Not required.

**Comments:** 

Item Status: Status

Date:

Bypassed - Item: PPACA Uniform Compliance Approved-Closed 01/11/2012

Summary

Bypass Reason: Not PPACA related.

Comments:



RE:

Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield Amendment No. 23-2622 1/12

# FLESCH READING EASE CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the above referenced documents has achieved a Flesch Reading Ease Score average of 40.3 and complies with the requirements of A.C.A. §23-80-201 et. seq., cited as the Life and Disability Insurance Policy Language Simplification Act.

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| January 11, 2012 |
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